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Office Action Summary

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Afroza Y. Chowdhury

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 1 (lines 4-6) and claim 4 (lines 11-14), "An inverter control unit for selectively outputting the timing signal received from the timing controller according to the control signal from the mode setting unit" is not clear. For inverter control unit to output a timing signal, it must receive signal from a timing control. How is it possible to receive the timing signal from a mode setting unit?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1–8, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (US 2002/0057247).

As to claim 1, 4, and 8, Lee et al. discloses a liquid crystal display device, comprising: a liquid crystal module including a liquid crystal panel, a gate driving unit (fig. 3(200)) for delivering scanning signals to the liquid crystal panel, and a data driving unit [fig. 3(300)] for delivering image signals to the liquid crystal panel;

a timing controller (fig. 6(100)) for providing the image signals input from the outside and a timing signal used to control display of the liquid crystal module (page 4, [0099] – [0100], page 5, [0121] – [0122]);

a mode setting unit (fig. 6(400, 520)) for outputting a control signal according to a selected display mode (page 1, [0020], pages 4-5, [0100] – [0102], [0105]);

an inverter control unit (fig. 6(510)) for selectively outputting the timing signal received from the timing controller according to the control signal from the mode setting unit;

an inverter (fig. 6(700)) which is operated in either synchronous mode or asynchronous mode in response to the selectively output timing signal (fig. 4, pages 4-5, [0104] – [0105]);

and a lamp (fig. 6(800)) which is operated at a relevant frequency according to the operation mode of the inverter (fig. 3, page 5, [0105] – [0107]).

As to claims 2, 5, and 12, Lee et al. teaches a liquid crystal display device wherein the timing signal is a gate select signal or data clock signal (fig. 3, page 4, [0093], [0096] – [0097]).

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As to claims 3, 6, and 13, Lee et al. discloses a liquid crystal display device wherein the timing signal is a vertical or horizontal synchronous signal (fig. 4, pages 4-5, [0104] – [0105]).

As to claim 7, Lee et al. teaches a liquid crystal display device wherein the mode setting unit is included in the timing controller (page 1, [0020], pages 4-5, [0100] – [0102], [0105]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 9–12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. (US 2002/0057247) in view of Park (US 20020130830).

As to claim 9, Lee et al. teaches a liquid crystal display device with an OCD (Optical Compensated Birefringency) mode (page 3, [0097]). He did not teach moving image or still image mode. Park discloses LCD having a driving method of moving picture and still-image mode (page 1, [0010] – [0011], page 5, [0077] – [0078]). Therefore, it would be obvious to combine Park's method with the invention of Lee et al.

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to adapt a method wherein the display mode is either moving-image or still-image mode.

As to claim 10, Park teaches a method wherein the steps of outputting a first level control signal when the display mode is the moving-image mode, or outputting a second level control signal when the display mode is the still-image mode (page 4, [0070] – [0071], page 5, [0077] – [0078]).

As to claim 11, Park discloses a method wherein the steps of outputting the timing signal received from the outside when the second level control signal is applied, or not outputting the timing signal received from the outside when the second level control signal is applied (page 5, [0077] – [0078], [0080]).

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Afroza Y. Chowdhury whose telephone number is 571-270-1543. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00 EST, 5/4/9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amare Mengistu can be reached on 571-272-2600. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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